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In re application of: SAUER et al.

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For: RAPID AND SIMPLE PROCESS FOR INSOLATION OF CIRCULAR NUCLEIC  
ACIDS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 3, line 1, delete "and/or 2".

In claim 4, line 1, change "any one of the claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

In claim 5, line 1, change "any one of the claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

In claim 6, line 1, change "any one of the claims 1 to 5" to --claim 1--.

In claim 7, line 1, change "any one of the claims 1 to 6" to --claim 1--.

In claim 8, line 1, change "any one of the claims 1 to 7" to --claim 1--.

In claim 9, line 1, change "any one of the claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.

In claim 10, line 1, change "any one of the claims 1 to 9" to --claim 1--.

In claim 11, line 1, change "any one of the claims 1 to 10" to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The present claims are 1-13.

By the instant amendment the original claims are revised to eliminate multiple dependencies.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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